



Lamoine Historical Society

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Summer, 2012 Newsletter

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The Calendar is here!

The 2013 Lamoine calendar of area homes "Then and Now" is available at all events as well as at the Town Hall and from any Board Member or call 667-9276 or 667-5607. This year there is a wonderful addition... many area business owners have supported our fundraiser by advertising in the calendar, so take a look each month and support them as they have supported us!



Do you know whose home this is or who the family is? Contact any member of the Board if so! We would love the date of this picture as well!



Come picnic with us at the Historical Society!

Saturday, June 23, join your neighbors at noon for a Bring Your Own Picnic! We will provide beverages and desserts.

Events at the Historical Society this summer!

Open Houses are from 1-3 pm and Evening Programs are at 7 pm - all at the East Lamoine Meeting House—
362 Lamoine Beach Road.

Refreshments and Potty facilities now available at all events!

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| Sat. June 23 | Neighborhood BYO Picnic and Open House display: Men's Work in the 1800's |
| Wed. June 27 | Program: Apples and Agriculture in Downeast Maine 1820-1920. Speaker: Todd Little-Siebold, from College of the Atlantic |
| Sat. July 21 | Open House display on Marlboro and antique car display (your car is welcome!) |
| Wed. July 25 | Program: Battle of Marlboro "re-enactment" with members of the Hancock Historical Society! |
| Sat. Aug. 18 | Open House—Women's Work in the 1800's |
| Sat or Sun. | Pot Luck Concert—(contact Carolyn Ackerman at 667-5873 if you would like to participate in this wonderful neighborhood event! |
| Sun. Aug. 19 | Baptist Church Service—9:30 am - all welcome |
| Wed. Aug. 22 | Program on Women's Work |
| Sat. Sept. 22 | Open House—Reynolds House Book |
| Wed. Sept. 26 | Program—Annual Meeting and Reynolds House Book power point program. |

Help support our mission and efforts to preserve—our wonderful building, our artifacts, and our history. Membership is only \$10 a year and is critical to keep the building expenses covered and the doors open. Please make your check payable to Lamoine Historical Society and mail it to the address above.

Mission Statement: The mission of the Lamoine Historical Society shall be to collect, preserve and interpret objects, documents, archaeological materials and specimens which illustrate the history of the Town of Lamoine and its environs, and to preserve the East Lamoine Meeting House.

COLLECTIONS summer 2012

The Board voted at its May meeting to gladly accept a donation from the Hudson Museum (University of Maine) of several items originally collected by Emanuel Cohen, once a summer resident of Lamoine.

In the early 1900's, Cohen was the editor of the newsreel division for Pathé News. He moved to Paramount Pictures in 1926 and went on to become a producer, both for Paramount and on his own, working on such movies as *Pennies from Heaven* with Bing Crosby and *Go West, Young Man* starring Mae West.

His friend Jake Coolidge, a newsreel cameraman, introduced him to Lamoine and Cohen and his wife eventually bought the Gilman Hodgkins place on the Shore Road as their summer home. While in the process of buying it, he cabled Coolidge from Paris, saying "They can have the whole of Europe if they will give me just a little piece of Lamoine."

After Cohen's death in 1977, his widow donated his eclectic collections to the Hudson Museum. They have kept the ethnographic material, and will pass on to us a collection of ten weapons (some reproductions) and related items dating from the 1930's and World War II. We are pleased to have these additions to our collections of Lamoine history. (See picture on page 2.)

Maintaining our Church – Update - Where we stand

In 2009 we began the task of washing and painting the areas on the church that were in the worst condition and replacing a few clapboards as needed. In 2011 the rest of the steeple was painted when a new rubber roof replaced the leaking roof of the steeple. There is still more painting needed, especially the spire on the steeple. We will be asking steeple-jacks for estimates for that job. To date it has cost \$832.84 for paint. Cost for the steeple roof material and labor and painting labor was \$2,200.00. Mr. John Leeke, a professional conservationist, made a thorough inspection of our church in 2009. His report listed a number of repairs that needed immediate attention, the most urgent being the falling ceiling plaster. This was patched in 2009, at a cost of \$290.25. The electric wiring needed attention and better outside lighting was necessary. This project was done in two stages, with a total expenditure of \$505.31. Other costs during 2009-2011 were \$275.00 to Anderson Power Washing Company who were looking for the cause of the flooding problem. Aisle runners were added in 2011 at a cost of \$249.31. In 2012 we are still working on the flooding issue. After that is resolved, a four part project which will strengthen the under-pinning will begin. Smaller projects, such as clapboarding the basement entry and repairing windows are still on our to do list. We also hope to have the small replica of the church moved this year. If anyone has a few hours to spare and is interested in helping with any of these projects, please let us know, and as you can see, donations for these ongoing and capital expenses are more than welcome!

MARION'S LAMOINE JUNE RHUBARB DREAM DESSERT

Preheat oven to 350° F.

Blend together:

- 1 Cup sifted flour
- 5 Tbs. confectioner's sugar
- ½ Cup butter or margarine

Press into an ungreased 7½ x11" pan and bake 15 minutes.

While crust is baking, mix together:

- 2 beaten eggs
- 1½ Cups sugar
- ¼ Cup flour
- ¾ tsp. salt
- 2 Cups chopped rhubarb

Spoon over baked crust and bake a further 35 minutes.

This is good enough to eat without whipped cream, but of course whipped cream doesn't do it a bit of harm.

Also good cold – almost like a bar cookies with a custardy topping.

June 26, 1980

A huge thank you to our neighbors who came out to help freshen the old church building and take down a pine tree that was threatening the structure! It was a perfect day and great fun to get to know them! Thanks to Edna for the geraniums and Paul Hodgkins and Doug Stewart for mowing the grass each summer.



Thanks go to Edna Coyne for facilitating the fundraising redeemable drives through the Lamoine Transfer Station each year. Last year we made \$480. All funds raised help with the renovations and maintenance of the old church—one of the oldest buildings in Lamoine and a real treasure.



Send your email address to Lamoine.historicalociety@yahoo.com and find out when these bottle drives will take place as well as to receive the newsletter by email and see the pictures in great color!

Picture to the right: Dick Harding, Emmanuel Cohen, unknown, unknown, Don Ameche 1930 or 1940's? ➔➔